

CBI
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

INTRODUCTION

CBI COUNTRY PROGRAM COLOMBIA





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PROGRAM OF THE DAY



Program of the day

- Morning session
 - > CBI
 - > Europe
 - > The European market for ITO services
 - > The European buyers
 - > ITO trends selected sub-sectors

- Afternoon session

- > Testimonial
- > Integrated Country Program Colombia



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The Netherlands – Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Centre for the Promotion of Imports from Developing countries
Centrum tot Bevordering van Import uit Ontwikkelingslanden

Q Helping companies - in many sectors - from developing countries to enter the EU market

☐ More information: www.cbi.eu



About CBI

- CBI: Centre for Promotion of Imports from Developing Countries
- 1971: CBI was established by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
- 1998: Agency
- 60 employees /Worldwide network of 250
- · Working in about 40 developing countries



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Our Mission and Vision

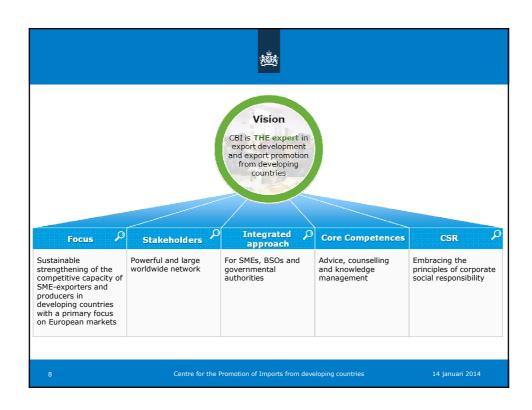


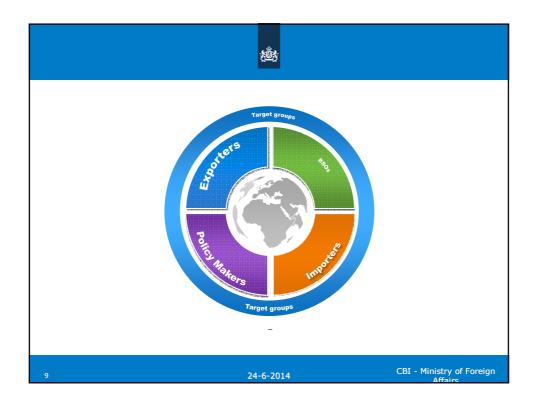


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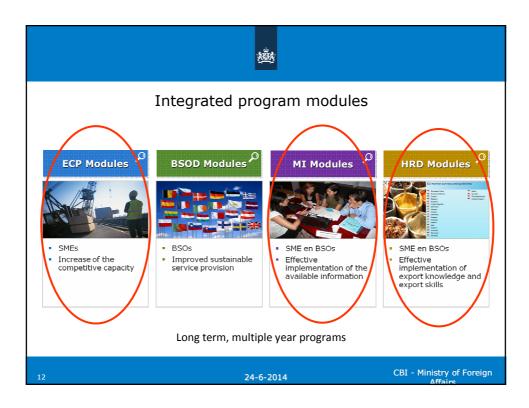
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Goals

- **•**COMPETITIVE
 - COMPETENT
- SUCCESSFUL

IT(O) SERVICE PROVIDER IN THE EU MARKET



What we do ...

- We do assist companies to <u>improve</u> their market entry potential and competency.
- We do provide tools, advice, training and (market) information
- We do provide training but it is **NOT** a training program



... and what we don't:

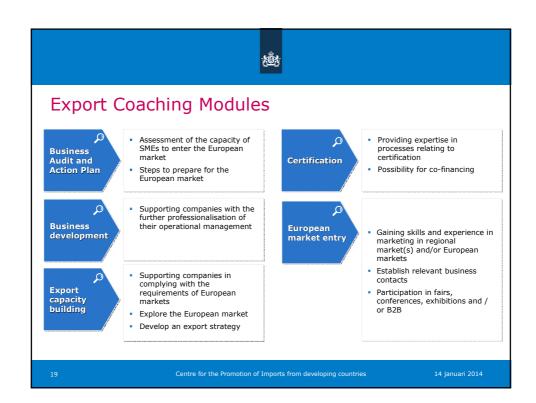
- We don't build capabilities or services from zero
- We don't offer contracts
- We can't operate while you sit back and wait
- We are not your representative or sales agent in Europe



Success factors

- Pro-active, professional approach
- The CBI program is integrated into your EU market entry strategy and business plan, but... the CBI program IS NOT the market entry strategy.
- Professional, well positioned and motivated counterpart(s)











Training programs

- 2015: EXPRO seminar
- During the program 6 more training programs will be delivered

Integrated Country Programme Colombia (2014-2018)

COUNTRY PROGRAM COLOMBIA



- Objective: boost exports from selected Colombian sectors to European markets.
- · Exotic Fresh Fruits
- Roasted Specialty Coffees
- Tropical & Exotic flowers & Foliage
- Natural Ingredients for Food, Pharmaceuticals or Cosmetics
- Garments
- · IT Outsourcing Services

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SELECTION CRITERIA

- 10 SME's
- You have a formally established company in the IT(O) sector;
- · Your company is based in Colombia;
- Your company is a micro, small or medium-sized enterprise (SME)*;
- At least 51% of your company is locally (co-)owned by a partner residing in a developing country;
- You have not established a joint venture with a partner in an UMIC country (Upper Middle Income bracket);
- You have not participated in a CBI Export Programme for IT(O) before;

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SELECTION CRITERIA cont.

- You do not have delayed payment(s) to Proexport for fairs and other activities;
- You are currently not participating in a SIPPO project that includes technical assistance and trade fair participation
- (http://www.sge.com/global/export/en/content/exp_colombia);
- You have no licensing commitments that prohibit or limit export possibilities of products to the EU;
- You have no outstanding tax declarations or other debts with the Colombian state;
- You are able to verify SARLAFT (Sistema de Administración de Riesgo de Lavado de Activos y de la Financiación del Terrorismo) and OFAC.



ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- Companies operating in the following subsectors can apply: software, ITO, video games, digital animation, mobile applications, audio visuals;
- To have the capacity to provide outsourcing services to European companies. Preferably have at least 20 employees;
- Experience in the national market and preferably some former exporting experience;
- · Ability to create employment (direct or indirect);
- Willingness and ability to invest in adaptations of the production processes and commercialization, required by the European market;



ADDITIONAL CRITERIA cont.

- Compliance or willingness to comply with EU market requirements;
- CSR policy in place or be willing to develop CSR policy;
- At least two members of staff have sufficient command of the English language for written and spoken communication;
- To have a solid organizational structure and professional management;
- Not be able to access support similar to CBI from their own resources.



Selection

- 1. Fill in the application form
- 2. Assessment based on CRITERIA
- 3. Scoring based on ADDITIONAL CRITERIA
- 4. Result of EXPORT AUDIT

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Export Coaching Programme

Three fixed stages:

- 1.Business Audit & Action Plan
 - Assessment of the capacity of SMEs to enter the European market
 - Steps to prepare for the European market
- 2.Export Capacity Building
 - Training, workshops, coaching, technical assistance
 - Certification
- 3. Market Entry
 - Participation at European Trade Fairs

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Market Entry - Participation at European Trade Fair

Option A Option B

<u>Participation at stand of</u> <u>Participation without Proexport</u>

Proexport

Financing: Financing:

•Always: 50% Proexport
 •1st participation: 70% CBI
 •1st participation: 60% CBI
 •2nd participation: 60% CBI
 •3rd participation: 50% CBI

•3rd participation: only proexport

Contribution for the SME's stays the same in both cenarios

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QUALITY CERTTIFICATION SUPPORT

- Only internationally recognised and industry accepted quality certifications are considered;
 - In IT the most common ones are: ISO 9001, ISO 27001, CMMI-L3 or higher
- The level of support is maximum ... % of the total cost but not more than ... EURO per company
- CBI will only transfer funds <u>AFTER</u> the work has been done, verified and accepted



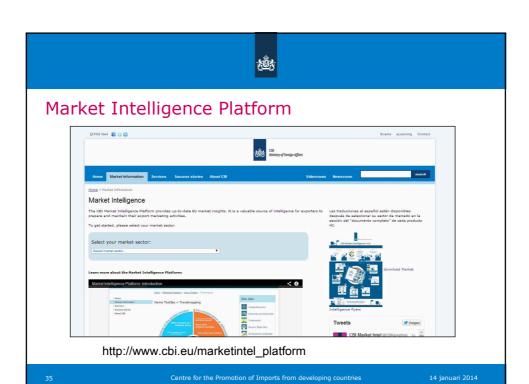
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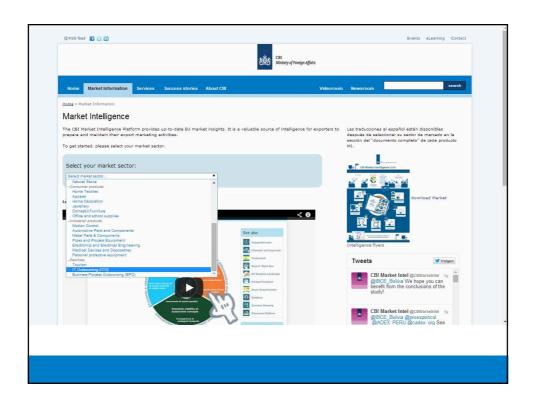
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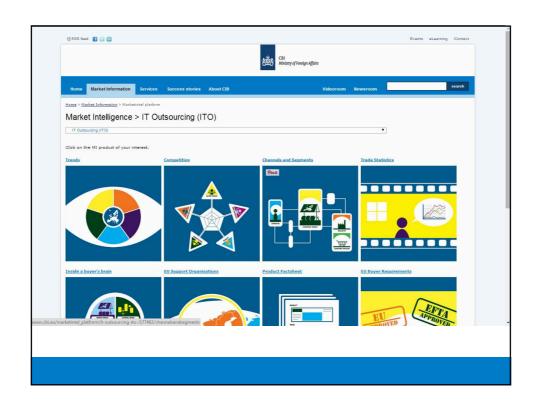


Questions you, as a service provider, should ask

- Are you committed to offer your services in Europe? How do you prove it?
- Are you willing to take risks?
- Do you have (can you build) the necessary resources, knowledge and skills to consider the European market (and if the market would consider you)?
- What training and assistance would you need to improve your value proposition?
- Is it clear what CBI offers and what we expect?











Planning and Time frame

- 31 July 2014 Application
- Pre-selection of participants
- · Business Audits
- Final selection of the participants
- · More information:

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